

House Bill 300 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Cooper of the 41st, Porter of the 143rd, Gardner of the 57th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12 on meningococcal meningitis disease and its vaccine whenever other health information is provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-776.

(a) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12, then the following information about meningococcal meningitis disease and its vaccine shall be included:

(1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;

(2) A list of sources for additional information; and

(3) Related recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(b) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Human Resources, shall develop and make available the information about meningococcal meningitis disease and its vaccine to local school systems as required under subsection (a) of this Code section in an efficient manner that shall include posting the information on its website."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.